THE PHILIPPINES' RESOURCES.

NEARLY ALL OF THEM DENOUNCE THE CANNED ROAST MEAT AS UTTERLY

BY THE BEEF COURT.

UNFIT FOR A RATION.

nerally condemned the meat as a component part

stringy and tough, and, in many instances, it was

said that it made the men sick, and in others that,

nungry though they generally were, they threw it

officers reported that they had heard no com

decision to admit the reports was reached at

Lee, on behalf of General Miles, of the re-

r action on the application. Major Lee

consideration of General Miles's supple-

and the Court decided to go into executive

be read. Some opposition had been mani-

little delay in deciding to allow the re-

disposed of. They were generally pre-

Rico, and in response to a circular letter.

take up other matters which might be presented.

proporative of that already given.

to be 'a miserable apology for food."

read the reports.

THE REPORTS READ.

large number of reports were from officers

enant M. F. Davis considered the beef as of uality, and said he had found four magored with the beef in the cans while in the Las Gussimas.

enant H. D. Berkely—No more unpalatable of food could be issued.

mant W. C. Rivers—It was an unsuitable of food.

cle of food. S. Wright-It was a distinct fail-

Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Rafferty, of the 2d Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Rafferty, of the 2d Cavairs said that he agreed with the report of his commissary officer, who declared the beef non-nutritive and said the men soon tired of it. A large number of officers in this regiment, including large number of officers in this regiment, including Lieutenants W. M. Leary, W. H. Payne and W. Clark rendered a similar verdict.

Captain F. S. Foulkes thought it inferior to corned

or Jackson, 3d Cavairy, pronounced the qual-the beef used in canning poor. It had served in hash, but as a separate article of food it

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er than eat 11 ptain G. S. Grimes, 2d Artillery—The meat was watery and insipid, and unsatisfactory to the

of the 1st Cavalry, among them the following:

be made as soon as possible. He also

uest that a large number of additional

executive session, and after the renewal by

A. B. Powell, proprietor of the Powell pre-tive process, will be heard to-morrow.

rather than eat

of the meat.

The complaints were that it was

In some cases, however

Washington, April 7 (Special).-The agricultural, mineral and commercial opportunities in the Philippines are discussed in detail in the monthly sumvashington, April 7.-Having decided at its morn mary of commerce and finance, just issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics. This discussion of officers of the Army, the Beef Inquiry ports of black itself to listening to the reading of shows that although agriculture is the chief occu-They were read by Major Lee as pation of the inhabitants of the islands, yet only these reports of General Miles. He had read the representative of General arises. He had read only about eighty of the 147 reports when the court adjourned for the day. The reports were generally brief statements of the personal experi-ences of the officers or summaries of the opinions one-ninth of the surface of the islands is under cultivation. The soil is fertile, and even after deducting the mountainous areas it is probable that the area of cultivation can be largely extended, and that the islands can support a population equal to the men under them. They bore almost ex that of Japan (42,000,000) on the canned beef, but there were oc ional references to refrigerated beef. The officers

The chief products are rice, corn, hemp, sugar, tobacco, cocoanuts and cocoa. Coffee and cotton were formerly produced in large quantities—coffee for export and cotton for home consumption-but the coffee plant has been almost exterminated by insects, and the homemade cotton cloths have been driven out by the competition of those imported from England. The rice and corn are prin cipally produced in Luzon and Mindoro, and are consumed in the islands. The rice crop is about 765,000 tons. It is not sufficient for the demand, and 45,000 tons of rice were imported in 1894, the greater portion from Saigon and the rest from Hong Kong and Singapore; also, 8,669 tons (60,000 barrels) of flour, of which more than two-thirds came from China and less than one-third from the United

quality of it in Mindanao. The production amount to only 150 tons, and it is all made into chocolate

s be summoned. There were no witnesses The sugar cane is raised in the Visayas. crop yielded in 1894 about 235,000 tons of raw sugar of which one-tenth was consumed in the islands and the remainder of 210,000 tons, valued at \$11,000, 000, was exported, the greater part to China, Great it soon passed away when it was Britain and Australia. The hemp is produced i sarned that all the reports were brief, and could southern Luzon, Mindoro, the Visayas and Min dunao. It is nearly all exported in bales. after the close of the campaigns in Cuba the amount was 96,000 tons, valued at \$12,000,000 Tobacco is raised in all the islands, but the best reference to the application to have more messes called, it is understood that the Court amount is consumed in the islands, smoking being ere to its determination not to summon of the list whose testimony would be merely best quality is exported. The amount in 1894 was 1,000 tons of leaf tobacco, valued at \$1,750,000. Spain takes \$0 per cent and Egypt 10 per cent of the leaf tobacco. Of the manufactured tobacco 70 per cent goes to China and Singapore, 10 per cent to England and 5 per cent to Spain. Cocoanuts are grown in southern Luzon, and are used in various ways. The products are largely consumed in the islands, but the exports in 184 were valued at \$2.40.00. Cattle, goats and sheep have been introduced from Spain, but they are not numerous. Domestic pigs and chickens are seen everywhere in the farming districts. The principal beast of burden is the carabac, or water buffalo, which is used for ploughing rice fields, as well as drawing heavy loads on sledges or on carts. Large horses are almost unknown, but there are great numbers of native ponies from nine to twelve hands high, possessing strength and endurance far beyond their size. 7,000 tons of leaf tobacco, valued at \$1,750,000. Spail At the afternoon session Recorder Davis an-Brigadier-General Viele declared the canned beef Major James M. Bell-It is better than no beef, at I cannot recommend it as a component of the d ration leutenant Clough Overton-It is an undestrable upon of the travel ration alor W S Scott-I heard no complaint of the ned roast beef sutenant J. D. L. Hartman thought the corned of roast beef are an are a superior of the beef are and J. D. L. Hartman thought the corned preterable to the canned beef, when not ternant R. C. Williams—The beef, when not a was unpalatable, but as an occasional sube for bacon 't was acceptable are to be a superior of the beef on the transport was injurious to the beef on the transport was injurious to

tive ponies from nine to twelve hands high, possessing strength and endurance far beyond their size.

Gold is found in a vast number of localities in the archipelago from northern Luzon to central Mindanao. In most cases the gold is detrital, and found either in existing water courses are in stream deposits now deserted by the current. These last are called "alluviones" by the Spaniards. It is said that in Mindanao some of the gravels are in an elevated position and adapted to hydraulic mining. There are no data at hand which intimate decisively the value of any of the placers. They are washed by natives largely with cocoanut. Shells for pans, though the batea is also in use. In the Province of Abra, at the northern end of River Abra is autiferous. In Lapanto there are gold quartz veins as well as gravels. Gold is obtained in this province close to the copper mines. In Benguet the gravels of the River Agno carry gold. There is also gold in the Province of Bontoc and in Nueva Ectia. The most important of the auriferous provinces is Camarines Norc. Here the townships of Mambulao, Paracale and Labo are especially well known as gold-producing localities. Herr Drasche a well-known German geologist, says that there were seven hundred natives at work on the rich quartz veins of this place at the time of his visit about twenty-five years ago. At Paracale there are parallel quartz veins in granite, one of which is twenty feet in width and contains a chute in which the ore is said to assay thirty-eight ounces of gold to the ton. One may suspect that this assay hardly represented an average sample. Besides the localities mentioned many others men.
Captain Ellis, 4th Artillery-It was stringy and
Captain Walter L. Finley, 5th Cavalry-The beef
was tough and devoid of flavor.
Captain M. G. Hughes, 9th Cavalry-The meat
Captain Philip B. Powell, 9th Cavalry-Almost
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It is a seless, and the men would not eat to take the meat tasteless, d and much of it spoiled. Stodtler, McCorwinia, Cavanagh, Lyman and Everett, also reports similar to those preceding. Lieutenant our thought it good as a change. Lieutenant into pronounced it good food the meat contained promaines and a great deal of sickness. As a ration it failure. TWELVE RECENTLY AUTHORIZED. Washington, April 7.- The President to-day named the twelve new warships recently authorized by

Cruisers-Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, Galveston, Tacoma, Cieveland.

Petitions by the hundred have been coming to the

was a fallure.
Captain T. A. Adams, 5th Artillery—It was not a species as a field ration in a hot climate.
Captain H. J. Rellly, 5th Artillery—It was palatable with vegetables, but not otherwise desirables. White House and the Navy Department ever since the new ships were provided for, urging the merits of various names. The President and Secretary Colonel Sinclair. 7th Artillery—The meat used Colonel Sinclair. 7th Artillery—The meat used Ests of poor grade. If a better grade of meat was setured it might prove a proper food.

Lieutenant E. S. Benton, 7th Artillery—It was nore wholesome than the fresh beef.

Lieutenant Browne, 2d infantry—It was unfit for Lieutenant Browne, 2d infantry—It was unfit for Se. Many of the men said it had been "doped." seahing that chemicals had been used in its prep-Long enjoyed the good-natured rivalry, and in making the final determination consideration was given not only to the urgency of the influences brought to bear, but also to the several sections of the country. Pennsylvania petitioned through Governor Stone. Senators Quay and Penrose and the entire delegation in the House of Representatives. New-Jersey made her piea through Vice-Fresident Hohart. Attorney-General Griggs. Governor Voorhees, ex-Assistant Secretary McAdoo, Senator Sewell, the Board of Trade of Jersey (Ity and many sommercial bodies. Georgia did not send a petition, and it is believed that the choice of a Southern State was due to a desire by the President to compliment the people he visited on his recent Southern State was due to a desire by the President to compliment the people he visited on his recent Southern State was five for West Virginia. Representative Mercermade it his business to besiege the Navy Department with petitions for Nebraska. The choice of California also seems to be a personal compliment, without the same effort as was shown in other States. The same rivairy was shown in other States. The same rivairy was shown among the cities, the mayors, city councils, chambers of commerce, etc., joining in the pleas.

The battle-ships Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and Georgia are described in the act authorizing them as follows: "Three sea-goling coast-line battle-ships, carrying the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance for vessels of their class upon a trial displacement of about 13,500 tons, to be sheathed and coppered, and to have the highest practicable speed and great radius of action, and to cost, exclusive of about 2,500 tons trial displacement, to be sheathed and coppered, and to carry the most powerful ordnance suited to vessels of their class, and to cost, exclusive of atom 2,500 tons trial displacement, to be sheathed and coppered, and to carry the most powerful ordnance suited to vessels of their class, and to cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding \$1,14,500 each." bear, but also to the several sections of the country Pennsylvania petitioned through Governor Stone aptain J. Waring, 2d Infantry-It was not fit to Captain J. Waring, 2d Infantry—It was not fit to be issued.

Major Baker, 4th Infantry—The canned beef was of an inferior quality, anything but palatable.

Lieutenant-Colonel Miner, 5th Infantry—The canned beef was utterly unfit as an article of diet. Hungry men left it on the ground Much of it appeared like meat from which extract of beef had been prepared before it was put up.

Major Corliss. 7th Infantry—Many men became mick after eating the meat.

Lieutenant W. Quentin, 7th Infantry—The sight of it was enough to turn the stomach at times. Captain B. L. Howe, 7th Infantry—The canned beef was not fit for consumption, the same was frue of much of the fresh beef.

Lieutenant-Colonel B. H. Ellis, 5th Infantry—It was openly condemned by the men and generally thrown away.

Captain W. L. Pitcher, 8th Infantry—The canned beef was just as bad as possible, short of being rotten.

Colonel William H. Powell, 9th Infantry—The use of the canned beef was not attended with any good results. It produced disordered stomachs.

Captain R. H. Anderson, 9th Infantry—The canned beef was fairly satisfactory. PRACTICAL RESULTS FROM HER VISIT TO VENEZ-Washington, April 7.-Minister Loomis, at Cara-

cas, has sent to the State Department an account Washington, April 7.-General A. R. Buffington, of a trip made by the Wilmington up the Orinoco who succeeded General Flagler as Chief of Ord-nance, qualified at the War Department to-day and assumed the duties of that office. and along the north coast of Venezuela. He says that the ship made a strong and agreeable im-

HOLAHAN'S TIFF WITH GROUT. splendid condition and appearance of the men and A special meeting of the Board of Public Imthe boat," he said, "never failed to call forth praise from those who saw them. As a result of the trip. I think it will be found that American prestige has been substantially augmented and the idea of been substantially augmented and the idea of American power and resources, vitalized by the American power and the American power and the comments of the profit largely.

Minister Loomis impressed the native officials deeply by causing the Wilmington's machine guns to be fired whenever any of the Army officers came question of water supply and adopt a uniform rate of water tax in the five boroughs of New-York City. There was much discussion by the presidents and Commissioners of the different boroughs over a rate that would be suitable to each borough.

President Grout of the Borough of Brooklyn read

Supply Department in Brooklyn.

"Do you allow your deputies to dictate to you?"
asked President Holahan of Mr. Grout.

"I do not think this a matter of dictation to me,"
responded Mr. Grout.

"I would like to see the deputy in my Department who would dictate to me," asserted Mr. Holahan.

It was finally decided to ask the advice of the Corporation Counsel on the question, and then refer it to the Water Supply Department to draw up a schedule.

IT IMPRISONS NO IMMIGRANTS. The Austrian Society of New-York denies the statements made by Mrs. Louise Simon, of Newark that it has been keeping her two nieces imprisoned in its house in Greenwich-st. It declares that one young woman was claimed by Mrs. Simon at the Barge Office as her niece, but Mrs. Simon did not present satisfactory proofs of her relationship. The society cares for friendless immigrants, but keeps only such at its house as wish to stay.

COURT PAPERS IMPROPERLY DRAWN. NECESSARY TO DISMISS TWENTY-ONE CASES OF

ALLEGED LIQUOR-TAX VIOLATION. It was found necessary in the Court of Specia Sessions yesterday to discharge twenty-one cases of alleged liquor-tax violations owing to the fact that the papers had not been properly drawn in various police courts. It has been decided by the Supreme Court that in the affidavit of the complainant in an alleged violation of the liquor-tax law it is necessary to state specifically that the saloon or hotel where the alleged violation occurred was a duly licensed place, and that a failure to set forth that fact fully made the papers faulty technically, and that fact fully made the papers faulty technically, and that the defendant was entitled to his discharge without further trial. The Justices of the Special Sessions say this fact should be well known to the police clerks, yet for several months the court has time and time again been compelled to discharge defendants charged with such offences on these grounds. Yesterday a number of alleged violations of the liquor-tax law were on the calendar for trial, and it was found necessary to dismiss twenty-one on account of this defect.

CISSIE LOFTUS'S DIVORCE SUIT. Justice Truax, in the Supreme Court, yesterday appointed ex-Judge Charles Donohue referee to hear and determine the issues in the suit for an absolute divorce brought by Mrs. Mary Cecilia Loftus Brown McCarthy, known on the stage as Cissie Loftus, against Justin Huntly McCarthy, her husband,

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